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RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION: RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Letter dated 10 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a resolution adopted at the joint session of the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 1 November 1993 on the situation in Indian-held Kashmir (see annex).

It is requested that the resolution be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 108 (a).

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Annex

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

The Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) of Pakistan in joint sitting,

Expressing its shock and indignation at the massive human rights abuses perpetrated on the freedom-loving people of Jammu and Kashmir by the Indian security forces and the siege and desecration of the Dargah of Hazrat Bal in Srinagar which is revered by Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir and throughout the world,

Recalling that 46 years ago in this month, the Indian forces marched into Jammu and Kashmir against the wishes of the people of the State,

Noting that over the years India has continued efforts to strengthen its stranglehold over occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and despite its solemn commitments to the Kashmiri people and the international community, the Indian Government has refused to implement the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council to enable the people of Jammu and Kashmir to exercise their right to self-determination, and

Noting with admiration the courage and determination with which the valiant people of Indian-held Jammu and Kashmir have all along resisted the Indian attempts to subdue them,

1. Expresses its complete and unflinching solidarity with the people of the Jammu and Kashmir in their heroic struggle to achieve their inalienable right to self-determination, and salutes the memory of the thousands who have laid down their lives for their just cause;

2. Assures the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the people of Pakistan will continue to extend wholehearted political, moral and diplomatic support in their struggle;

3. Expresses deep concern at the gross violation of human rights of the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir by the Indian security forces;

4. Calls upon the Government of India to honour its commitment to the international community to allow the Kashmiri people to exercise their right of self-determination in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions;

5. Calls upon India to immediately lift the siege of the Hazrat Bal Shrine to enable the Muslim people of Kashmir to exercise their fundamental right of freedom of worship and to stop forthwith indiscriminate killing of the innocent Kashmiris;

6. Calls upon India to allow free movement of the representatives of international media, human rights organizations, international relief agencies and international delegations to assess the gravity of the situation and the

magnitude of the atrocities being committed against the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir;

7. Urges the international community, the international human rights organizations and the United Nations to persuade India to stop its violations of the human rights of the Kashmiri people and to honour its commitments in regard to their right of self-determination; and

8. Calls upon the United Nations to take concrete steps for the implementation of its resolutions for the settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute;

9. Reaffirms the resolve of Pakistan to seek a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the international commitments in the interest of peace and security of the South Asian region;

10. Authorizes to circulate this resolution to all parliaments and the United Nations.